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SUBJECT: MEETING OF CEMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC AID (CEMA) SINCE THE 31ST
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COUNCIL SESSION IN JUNE TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW NOVEMBER
21-23. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THIS EXCOM MEETING WAS
ITS CONCENTRATION ON ACCELERATING WORK ON THE PREPARATION
OF DRAFT LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAMS AND EXPLICITLY STATING
THAT DEADLINE OF NEXT COUNCIL SESSION EXISTS FOR AT

LEAST SOME OF THESE. IMPLICATION IS THAT TARGET PROGRAMS FOR FUEL-ENERGY AND RESOURCE SECTOR, FOR FOOD PRODUCTION SECTOR AND MACHINE-TOOL INDUSTRY SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THAT TIME. WORDING WITH REGARD TO EC-CEMA DISCUSSIONS INDICATES THAT CEMA (AND ESPECIALLY SOVIETS) STILL HOPE TO ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE OF DIRECT RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER-STATES.

3. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
--DISCUSSED THE NEED TO TAKE STEPS TO SPEED UP THE DRAFTING OF AGREEMENTS ON CONCRETE PROBLEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM COOPERATION PROGRAMS;
--DISCUSSED WORK ON A PROGRAM FOR COOPERATION IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MASS-CONSUMPTION GOODS;
--OVERSAW THE SIGNING BY MEMBER COUNTRIES OF A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFIED POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS UP TO 1990;
--DISCUSSED PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING THE EXISTING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE PRODUCTION OF NICKEL AND COBALT-CONTAINING PRODUCTS IN CUBA;
--DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION OF PRODUCTION IN THE MACHINE-TOOL SECTOR;
--RECOMMENDED THAT CEMA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS CONCENTRATE MORE ON THE SOLUTION OF SPECIFIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS;
--DISCUSSED CEMA MULTILATERAL COOPERATION I GIVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM, LAOS AND ANGOLA;
--HEARD A REPORT ON THE RECENT EC-CEMA DISCUSSIONS;
--"FOUND IT A BISABLE" FOR CEMA SECRETARIAT TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN PREPARATORY WORK FOR HOLDING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE EUROPEAN CONGRESSES OR INTERSTATE CONFERENCES ON COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY. END SUMMARY.

4. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE CEMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MET IN MOSCOW FROM NOVEMBER 21-23. THIS WAS ITS FIRST MEETING SINCE THE CEMA COUNCIL HELD ITS 31 ST SESSION IN WARSAW IN JUNE. AS IS THE USUAL PRACTICE, THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE MEETING GIVES ONLY THE BARE OUTLINE OF TOPICS DISCUSSED. FIRST TOPIC MENTIONED, AND, IN OUR OPINION THE MOST IMPORTANT, IS A COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION TO APPROPRIATE CEMA ORGANS TO "TAKE STEPS TO SPEED UP THE DRAFTING OF AGREEMENTS ON CONCRETE PROBLEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM TARGET COOPERATION PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH ARE TO BE SIGNED BEFORE OR DURING THE 32ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S SESSION." THIS DECISION APPARENTLY FOLLOWED A REPORT BY GOSPLAN'S BAIBAKOV, IN HIS

CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CEMA COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN PLANNING, ON THE DRAFTING OF LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAMS IN FUEL AND ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS INDUSTRIES, IN EXPANDING PRODUCTION OF STAPLE FOODSTUFFS, AND IN THE MACHINE-TOOL INDUSTRY. ANOTHER LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAM DISCUSSED WAS COOPERATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS, WHERE THE EXCOM "FOUND IT NECESSARY TO STEP UP WORK" ON THE PROGRAM.

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5. ONE CONCRETE STEP WAS TAKEN DURING THE MEETING TOWARD FILLING OUT THE LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAM IN THE FUEL AND ENERGY SECTOR: REPRESENTATIVES OF BULGARIA, HUNGARY, THE GDR, MONGOLIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE

USSR SIGNED A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE
LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFIED POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS OF THE
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CEMA MEMBER COUNTRIES UP TO 1990. THIS IS APPARENTLY A
RATHER BROAD AGREEMENT, SINCE IT REPORTEDLY "SPECIFIES SAYS
FOR A FULLER AND MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF ENERGY RESOURCES,
FOR AN INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC POWER ENGINEERING,
FOR RAISING THE DEPENDABILITY OF POWER SUPPLY AND FOR
UTILIZING THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF THE
PARALLEL OPERATION OF POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS."

6. THE EXCOM ALSO TOOK UP TWO TOPICS WHICH HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSED AT ITS PREVIOUS MEETINGS: COOPERATION IN
CREATING NEW FACILITIES TO PRODUCE NICKEL AND COBALT-
CONTAINING PRODUCTS IN CUBA, A SUBJECT ALREADY ADDRESSED
AT THE JANUARY EXCOM MEETING IN HAVANA (MOSCOW 1090), AND
CEMA SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION IN THE MACHINE-TOOL
SECTOR, WHICH HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT A NUMBER
OF EXCOM MEETINGS IN PAST YEAR.

7. AN INTRIGUING MENTION IS MADE OF AN EXCOM
RECOMMENDATION THAT CEMA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS,
SUCH AS INTERATOMENERGO AND INTERTEXTILEMASH, CONCENTRATE
MORE ON THE SOLUTION OF SPECIFIC ECONOMIC QUESTION OF
COOPERATION IN CORRESPONDING BRANCHES OF PRODUCTION.
IT IS INTIMATED THAT THE PROBLEM INVOLVED HAS BEEN IN
REGARD TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN PREPARING THE LONG TERM
TARGET PROGRAMS.

8. ANOTHER ITEM DISCUSSED WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CEMA
MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN GIVING ECONOMIC-TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM, LAOS, AND ANGOLA. THE USE OF THE
MODIFIER "CONCERNED" IN THIS PASSAGE MAY INDICATE THAT
NOT ALL CEMA COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED IN AID EFFORTS TO
THESE LDC'S.

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9. THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTS THAT EXCOM HEARD REPORT BY
MARINESCU ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CEMA DELEGATION
AND EC, AND THAT IT "OUTLINED FURTHER STEPS TO WORK OUT
CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CEMA AND THE CEMA MEMBER-COUNTRIES, ON THE
ONE HAND, AND THE EEC AND THE EEC MEMBER COUNTRIES, ON
THE OTHER."

10. EXCOM "FOUND IT ADVISABLE" FOR THE CEMA SECRETARIAT TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE IN PREPARATORY WORK FOR HOLDING EUROPEAN CONGRESSES OR INTERSTATE CONFERENCES ON COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TRANSPORT, AND ENERGY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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11. COMMENT. THIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET ABOUT ONE MONTH LATER THAN IT SHOULD HAVE, ACCORDING TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CEMA STATUTES WHICH CALL FOR AN EXCOM MEETING EVERY THREE MONTHS. WHETHER THIS DELAY WAS ENGENDERED BY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES OR MERELY BY PREPARATIONS AND THEN HOLDING OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WE DON NOT KNOW. THE CONCENTRATION ON PRODUCING DRAFTS FOR THE LONG-TERM TARGET PROGRAMS IS TO BE EXPECTED AND THE EFFECTIVE DEADLINE OF THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION FOR SOME OF THESE WILL INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THE ORGANS CONCERNED. THE THREE TARGET PROGRAMS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF BAIBAKOV'S REPORT ARE PRIME CANDIDATES IN THIS REGARD. THIS FITS IN WELL WITH INFORMATION ALREADY FURNISHED BY EAST EUROPEAN SOURCES HERE (MOSCOW 10440).

12. THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON UNIFIED POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS SHOWS THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. NEVERTHELESS, THE EXTENT OF CEMA INTEGRATION WHICH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THESE TARGET PROGRAMS WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON HOW DETAILED THEY ARE, AND WE HAVE HAD INDICATIONS THAT THEY WILL ONLY BE GENERAL GUIDELINES (MOSCOW 15062). THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT ON UNIFIED POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS ITSELF WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH MORE CONCRETE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. OBVIOUSLY, DRAFTING EVEN GENERAL GUIDELINES PRESENTS MANY PROBLEMS FOR CEMA.

13. THE WORKING USED IN DISCUSSING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EC INDICATES THAT CEMA (AND ESPECIALLY THE SOVIETS) HAS NOT ABANDONED ITS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE OF DIRECT RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS STATES OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CEMA AND EC THUS PROMISE TO BE A LONG, DRAWNOUT AFFAIR. END COMMENT.
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